

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1509–S1544*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 478–488, and S. Res. 74–77. **Page S1540**

#### Measures Passed:

**Nebraska 150th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 74, congratulating the State of Nebraska on the 150th anniversary of the admission of that State into the United States. **Pages S1521–23**

**Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 77, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Page S1543**

#### Appointments:

**Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 115th Congress: Senator Leahy. **Page S1543**

**Carson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S1513**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 76), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1513**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 2, 2017; that following leader remarks, there be 20

minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by up to 10 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of James Richard Perry, time be counted as if invoked at 7 a.m., on Thursday, March 2, 2017. **Pages S1543–44**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 75), Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S1511–13, S1544**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021. **Page S1544**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1539**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1538–39**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1543**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—76) **Page S1513**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1544.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on global counterterrorism from Christopher P. Maier, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, and Major General Albert M. Elton II, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, J-37, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS FOR COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving access to infrastructure for communities across the country, after receiving testimony from South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard, Pierre; Carlos M. Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Mayor Philip Levine, Miami Beach, Florida; and Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, Arlington, Virginia.

### FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine flood control infrastructure, focusing on safety questions raised by current events, after receiving testimony from Lieu-

tenant General Todd T. Semonite, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Terrence D. Wolf, Washakie County Board of County Commissioners, Worland, Wyoming; Mayor Ron Corbett, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency Secretary, Sacramento; and Larry A. Larson, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Madison, Wisconsin.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee began consideration of the nomination of Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call of the chair.

### BORDER INSECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effects of border insecurity and immigration enforcement on American communities, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Severson, Waukesha County Sheriff, Waukesha, Wisconsin; Ryan Rectenwald, Grant County Sheriff's Office, Ephrata, Washington; and Julie Nordman, Wentzville, Missouri.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 1265–1298; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84–85; H. Con. Res. 32; and H. Res. 160–163 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rothfus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Zinke, wherein he resigned as the Representative from Montana, effective immediately.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Montana, Mr. Zinke, the whole number of the House is 430.

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**Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act:** The House passed H.R. 998, to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 114. Consideration began yesterday, February 28th.

Pages H1408, H1419